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APPLICANT: Kolesnick *et al.*

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FOR: Basic Fibroblast Growth Factor  
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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2002 please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

E1 *Sub 31*  
1. (thrice amended) A method of treating endotoxic shock in an animal, comprising inhibiting the generation of ceramide from sphingomyelin, comprising the step of: